

Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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In the Claims:

Please add new claims 26-34 as follows:

26. (New Claim) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the oil component is present in the amount about 1 to about 20%.

27. (New Claim) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the oil component is present in the amount about 4 to about 10%.

28. (New Claim) The adhesive composition of claim 2, wherein the C-5 resin is present in the amount about 4 to about 10%.

29. (New Claim) The adhesive composition of claim 2, wherein the C-9 resin is present in the amount about 10 to about 20%.

30. (New Claim) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the fugitive alkali agent component is present in the amount about 0.1 to about 1.0%.

31. (New Claim) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the fugitive anti-oxidant component is present in the amount about 0.1 to about 1.0%.

32. (New Claim) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the cross-linking agent is present in the amount about 1.0 to about 7.0%.

33. (New Claim) The adhesive composition of claim 1, comprising about 1 – 20% oil component, about 14 – 30% hydrocarbon resin component, about 0.1 – 1.0% fugitive alkali agent component, about 0.1 – 1.0% fugitive anti-oxidant component and about 1 – 7 % cross-linking agent.

34. (New Claim) The adhesive composition of claim 33, wherein the composition comprises about 4 – 10 % C-5 resin and about 10 – 20% C9 resin.